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Letter dated 13 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter from the representative of the Israeli regime dated 29 November 2011 (S/2011/743), in which certain unfounded allegations and distortions were made against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I wish to state the following.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the allegations concerning the so-called "transfers of arms from Iran" into Lebanon, which are based on false and misleading information provided by the Zionist regime. Iran's support for the resistance and Hizbullah has been of a moral, humanitarian and political nature. It is not the first time that the Israeli regime, in a futile exercise to distract the international community's attention from its crimes and atrocities against Lebanon, resorts to a campaign of distortion, slander and fabrication against others.

In the course of the invasion by Israeli forces into Lebanon in 2006, the international community witnessed various acts of war crimes and crimes against humanity that the Israeli regime has mercilessly committed against the Lebanese people with impunity. Since then, the Israeli enemy army has continued to violate the sovereignty of the Lebanese territory, airspace and territorial waters on a daily basis, carrying out hostile activities across the Blue Line and installing the spying networks that were uncovered in recent months, which constitute a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Contrary to what has been claimed, there is absolutely no link between those violations and claims of so-called arms smuggling.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has been, and will remain, resolute in its support for stability and security in the Middle East, while the Israeli regime has been the only source of tension and violence in the region for decades. Undoubtedly, the Israeli regime fabricates groundless allegations in order to distract the international community's attention from the atrocities it has committed against the peoples in the region.

Regrettably, the impunity with which the said regime has been allowed to carry out its crimes and violations thus far has emboldened it to continue and even increase its blatant defiance of the most basic and fundamental principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. It is, indeed, high time for the international community, and especially the Security Council, to take effective measures to counter the illegal and criminal policies and practices of the Israeli

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regime and to put an end to its State terrorism against the peoples and nations in the region.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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